

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 32 and ending on page 16, line 17 as follows:

In this apparatus, seawater (a TDS concentration of 4.1%, a boron concentration of 5mg/l, a temperature of 28°C) was supplied to the first pressure vessel from its one end at a pressure of 6.3MPa. A recovery ratio (the amount of the permeated water / the amount of the feed water) in the first pressure vessel was 50%. In the permeated water on the raw water side (upstream) of the first pressure vessel, the concentration of boron was 0.55mg/l and the concentration of TDS was 110mg/l. On the other hand, in the permeated water on the concentrate side (downstream) of the first pressure vessel, the concentration of boron was 1.9mg/l and the concentration of TDS was about 490mg/l. Further, a volume ratio (X : Y) of the amount of the permeated water on the upstream and the amount of the permeated water on the downstream was 1 : 1.4. Then, the pH of the permeated water on the downstream was adjusted to 9.5 using sodium hydroxide and supplied to the second pressure vessel at a pressure of 0.8MPa. A recovery ratio in the second pressure vessel was 85%. In the permeated water obtained from the second pressure vessel, the concentration of boron was 0.7mg/l and the concentration of TDS was 16mg/l. Then, the permeated water (C) on the upstream side of the first pressure vessel and the permeated water (D) obtained from the second pressure vessel were mixed with each other (mixing ratio by volume C : D = 1.6 : 1). In the mixed water thus obtained, the concentration boron was 0.6mg/l and the concentration of TDS was ~~300~~74 mg/l. The quality of the mixed water was satisfactory for drinking water and in addition, there was no need to add ions separately.